Belmont Community Primary School

School Uniform Policy

2026/27

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1. Introduction

At Belmont Community Primary School, we believe that wearing school uniform helps promote a strong sense of belonging, equality and community. It supports our school ethos and helps pupils take pride in their appearance and their school.

We expect all pupils to wear the school uniform appropriately and to take pride in how they present themselves.

Our uniform policy has been developed with consideration of the Education Act 1996, the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021, the Department for Education's statutory guidance on the cost of school uniforms, the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

The school will keep the cost of uniform under review and will ensure that uniform requirements do not create an unreasonable financial barrier to attendance or participation in school life.

2. Our approach to the cost of uniform

Belmont Community Primary School is committed to keeping the cost of school uniform as low as reasonably possible.

There is no requirement to purchase badged or branded uniform.

Plain, unbranded uniform in the school's colours is available from a wide range of high-street retailers and online suppliers.

Parents and carers are therefore free to purchase suitable generic uniform items from a retailer of their choice, provided that the item meets the requirements set out in this policy.

Where school-logo items are preferred, these are available through Nationwide School Uniforms.

The school will not require parents or carers to purchase items exclusively from a single supplier where an equivalent generic item is permitted.

3. Compulsory school uniform

The following items form Belmont Community Primary School's everyday school uniform.

Compulsory items

White polo shirt – plain or with the school logo
Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan – plain or with the school logo
Grey trousers – long or short
Grey skirt or pinafore dress
Plain grey, white or burgundy socks
Grey, black or burgundy tights
Sensible black enclosed footwear

A red and white checked gingham dress may be worn as an optional summer uniform.

Trainers are not permitted as everyday school footwear. They may be worn for PE and sporting activities as appropriate.

4. Branded uniform

From September 2026, schools are required to limit the number of compulsory branded items of school uniform and PE kit to three or fewer.

Belmont does not require pupils to purchase branded uniform. Our sweatshirt/cardigan and polo shirt may be purchased as plain, unbranded items in the appropriate school colours.

School-logo items are therefore optional rather than compulsory.

The school will continue to monitor the number and cost of branded items and will ensure that its arrangements remain compliant with current statutory requirements.

Optional branded items must not be treated as compulsory where an appropriate generic alternative is available.

5. Optional school-logo items

The following items may be purchased with the school logo but are not compulsory:

- Burgundy fleece
- Burgundy reversible jacket
- Burgundy PE bag
- Burgundy book bag
- Burgundy junior backpack

These items are available through Nationwide School Uniforms.

Parents are free to use suitable generic alternatives where appropriate.

6. PE kit

Pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit on days when they have PE, in accordance with the school's PE timetable.

Required PE kit

Plain white polo shirt or burgundy T-shirt with school logo
Plain black shorts

Plain black jacket without logos or black hoodie with school logo
Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings without logos
Plimsolls or trainers

PE clothing should be practical, comfortable, suitable for the activity and affordable.

The school will not require different specialist items for individual sports unless there is a genuine educational or health and safety reason.

No pupil should be prevented from participating in PE or school sport because their family cannot afford the required kit. Parents or carers should contact the school office if support is required.

7. Jewellery and earrings

For health and safety reasons, pupils should not wear jewellery in school.

The exceptions are:

- small earring studs in pierced ears;
- small items of religious significance; and
- a watch.

Large or dangly earrings, hoops and other jewellery that could present a health and safety risk are not permitted.

Earrings during PE

For PE and games, pupils are normally expected to remove earrings.

Where a pupil is unable to remove newly pierced earrings during the healing period, the school will permit flat-backed earrings as an alternative, provided that:

- the earrings are small and secure;
- they have a flat back and do not have protruding or dangly parts;
- they are suitable for physical activity;
- they do not present an avoidable risk of catching or injury; and
- the pupil is able to participate safely.

The school may require a different arrangement where a particular activity presents an additional risk.

Parents/carers should discuss any concerns about earrings or recently pierced ears with the school.

Swimming

Earrings must be removed by the pupil for swimming. Staff cannot remove earrings on behalf of pupils.

8. General appearance

We expect all pupils to be presented in a way that reflects the values and ethos of Belmont Community Primary School.

The following expectations apply:

- False nails are not permitted.
- Nail varnish is not permitted.
- Tattoos, including temporary tattoos such as henna or transfers, are not permitted.
- Long hair should be tied back where appropriate, particularly for PE and activities where loose hair could create a safety risk.
- Hair accessories should be discreet and in school colours where possible.
- Extreme hairstyles or hair designs that are likely to cause distraction or undermine the school's expectations of appearance are not permitted.

The school will consider individual circumstances and reasonable adjustments where required.

9. Footwear

Pupils should wear sensible, black, enclosed footwear suitable for school.

Footwear should allow pupils to move safely around the school and participate in normal school activities.

Trainers may be worn for PE and sporting activities but should not normally be worn as everyday school footwear.

Parents are not expected to purchase expensive or specialist footwear.

10. Coats and outdoor clothing

Pupils should have a suitable coat for the weather and outdoor activities.

The school does not require a branded school coat.

Parents are encouraged to choose practical, durable and reasonably priced clothing appropriate for the weather.

11. Second-hand and pre-loved uniform

Belmont is committed to making second-hand uniform readily accessible to families.

Pre-loved uniform is sold through school events and periodically after school.

Parents and carers are informed through ParentMail when second-hand uniform is available.

The school will continue to review how it can make pre-loved uniform accessible to all families, including families who may need to access it discreetly.

12. Labelling

All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name.

The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss of unlabelled clothing.

13. Uniform and pupils with SEND or other individual needs

The school recognises that some pupils may have additional needs which affect their ability to wear particular items of clothing.

The school will consider reasonable adjustments and appropriate alternatives for pupils with:

- special educational needs or disabilities;
- sensory needs;
- medical conditions;
- physical disabilities; or
- other individual circumstances affecting their ability to comply with the standard uniform requirements.

Parents/carers should speak to the class teacher, SENCO or Headteacher where an adjustment may be required.

Uniform requirements will be applied in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

14. Religious and cultural considerations

The school will consider reasonable requests for adaptations to uniform arising from religious or cultural requirements.

Any adaptation must be compatible with legitimate health, safety and safeguarding requirements.

Parents/carers should discuss any specific requirements with the Headteacher.

15. Non-uniform days

The school may hold non-uniform days or other special events where pupils are permitted to wear clothing other than the normal school uniform.

Where this happens, the school will provide clear guidance about appropriate clothing.

Participation in non-uniform days will not depend upon parents making a financial contribution.

The school will consider the impact of special clothing requirements on families, particularly where costumes or themed clothing could create additional expense.

16. Uniform and attendance

The school recognises that difficulties obtaining uniform can sometimes affect attendance.

No pupil should be prevented from attending school because their family is experiencing financial difficulty in obtaining uniform.

Where a pupil arrives without the correct uniform, the school will seek to understand the reason and provide appropriate support before considering any disciplinary response.

Where financial hardship may be a factor, families will be encouraged to speak confidentially to the Headteacher or school office.

17. Non-compliance with the uniform policy

The school recognises that there may be legitimate reasons why a pupil is temporarily unable to comply with the uniform policy.

Staff will seek to establish the reason before taking any action.

Where a pupil deliberately or repeatedly does not follow the school's uniform requirements, the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Positive Behaviour Policy.

Any response will be proportionate and fair.

A pupil will not be suspended solely because they are not wearing the correct uniform unless the circumstances meet the statutory requirements for suspension and the school follows the relevant statutory procedures.

18. Complaints

Parents and carers who have concerns about the school's uniform arrangements should raise these with the school in the first instance.

Complaints about the school's uniform policy will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy and Procedures.

Where a concern relates to a pupil's protected characteristic, the school will consider the matter carefully in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

19. Supplier arrangements

Nationwide School Uniforms provides the option of purchasing school-logo uniform.

The school will keep supplier arrangements under review to ensure that they provide good value for money and do not unnecessarily increase the cost of uniform for families.

The use of a particular supplier does not prevent parents from purchasing suitable generic uniform elsewhere where this policy permits it.

20. Consultation, monitoring and review

The governing body is responsible for approving the school's uniform policy.

The school will consider the views of parents and pupils when making significant changes to the uniform policy, particularly changes that could affect the cost of uniform.

The policy will be reviewed at appropriate intervals and whenever there is a significant change in legislation, statutory guidance or the school's uniform arrangements.

The school will monitor:

- the affordability of uniform;
- the availability of generic alternatives;
- the accessibility of pre-loved uniform;
- the number of compulsory branded items;
- equality and inclusion considerations; and

- feedback from pupils and parents.

21. Related policies and documents

This policy should be read alongside:

- Positive Behaviour Policy
- Equality Policy and Equality Objectives
- SEND Policy
- Medical Conditions Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Complaints Policy and Procedures
- Attendance Policy

The current uniform information and arrangements will also be published on the school's website.

Policy approval and review record

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